

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a divisional (and claims the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120) of U.S. Patent No. 6,865,301 application serial no. 09/514,748, filed February 28, 2000. The disclosure of the prior application is considered part of (and is incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

An example of one such type of computer is shown in FIG. 4, which shows a block diagram of a programmable processing system (system) 400 suitable for implementing or performing the apparatus or methods of the invention. As shown in FIG. 4, the system 400 includes a processor ~~112~~ 412 that in one implementation belongs to the PENTIUM® family of microprocessors manufactured by the Intel Corporation of Santa Clara, California. However, it should be understood that the invention can be implemented on computers based upon other microprocessors, such as the MIPS® family of microprocessors from the Silicon Graphics Corporation, the POWERPC® family of microprocessors from both the Motorola Corporation and the IBM Corporation, the PRECISION ARCHITECTURE® family of microprocessors from the Hewlett-Packard Company, the SPARC® family of microprocessors from the Sun Microsystems Corporation, or the ALPHA® family of microprocessors from the Compaq Computer Corporation. System 400 represents any server, personal computer, laptop or even a battery-powered, pocket-sized, mobile computer known as a hand-held PC or personal digital assistant (PDA).